IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION,

Plaintiff

and

GLORIA STOKES,

Intervenor and Plaintiff

v.

EMCARE, INC.,

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:11-cv-02017-P ECF

INTERVENING PLAINTIFF'S OBJECTIONS TO DEFENDANT'S EXHIBITS AND WITNESSES

COMES NOW, Intervening Plaintiff Gloria Stokes (hereafter "Stokes") and files these her Objections to Defendant's Exhibits and Defendant's Witnesses.

I. DEFENDANT'S EXHIBITS

Stokes requests that the parties, counsel for the parties, and through counsel, any and all witnesses be instructed to refrain from asking about or mentioning, directly or indirectly, any testimony or documents regarding the following:

A. Stokes objects to any evidence or testimony regarding **Defendant's Exhibit**No. 2 as more than a single-page (job description only) document. Stokes specifically testified that she did not sign a signature page along with this job description and that while

she did see the first page of Exhibit No. 2, there was no second-page to it when it was

presented to her. Accordingly, the origin of the second-page of this exhibit is unknown but

the suggestion that it is the second-page of the job description is hearsay. FED. R. EVID. 802

and 901.

B. Stokes objects to any evidence or testimony regarding **Defendant's Exhibit**

No. 8 as it is replete with hearsay and the best evidence of the hearsay statements therein are

witnesses whom Defendant can simply call to testify on these matter such that Plaintiffs

would have an opportunity to cross-examine them. FED. R. EVID. 802.

C. Stokes objects to any evidence or testimony regarding **Defendant's Exhibit**

No. 9 as it, too, is wholly hearsay, is incomplete and is unclear. Further, due to the fact that

Mr. Johnson cannot be located, Defendant will be unable to lay the appropriate foundation

in order to authenticate these notes. FED. R. EVID. 802 and 901.

D. Stokes objects to any evidence or testimony regarding **Defendant's Exhibit**

No. 10 as it likewise hearsay and the best evidence of the hearsay statements therein is Mr.

Greer, whom Defendant can simply call to testify on these matter such that Plaintiffs would

have an opportunity to cross-examine her on the topics purportedly represented by this

exhibit. FED. R. EVID. 802.

E. Stokes objects to any evidence or testimony regarding **Defendant's Exhibit**

No. 18 as it is incomplete as well as irrelevant and therefore inadmissible. Further, it should

be excluded under FED. R. EVID. 403 in that its probative value is substantially outweighed

by a danger of unfair prejudice, confusion of the issues and/or result and misleading the jury

in suggesting it was a basis for Stokes's termination from Defendant. FED. R. EVID. 402 and

403.

Stokes objects to any evidence or testimony regarding **Defendant's Exhibit** F.

No. 19 for the reasons discussed in Intervening Plaintiff's Motion in Limine at paragraph 12

concerning the irrelevance of reference to the recording studio which Stokes co-owns with

her husband as to either Intervening Plaintiff's claims or damages in the present suit.

Alternatively, should the Court deem this evidence relevant, its probative value is

substantially outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice and as such, Stokes would request

its exclusion. FED. R. EVID. 401, 402 and 403.

Stokes objects to any evidence or testimony regarding **Defendant's Exhibit** G.

No. 21 for the reasons discussed in Intervening Plaintiff's Motion in Limine at paragraph 12

concerning the irrelevance of collateral source evidence. FED. R. EVID. 401 and 402.

Stokes objects to any evidence or testimony regarding Defendant's Exhibit H.

No. 25 in that Defendant's use of it would be only to unfairly prejudice and mislead the

jurors into believing that the issue discussed therein relates to Plaintiff Shaw's work

performance. FED. R. EVID. 403.

Stokes objects to any evidence or testimony regarding **Defendant's Exhibit** I.

No. 34.

J. Stokes objects to any evidence or testimony regarding **Defendant's Exhibit**

No. 41 for the reasons discussed in Intervening Plaintiff's Motion in Limine at paragraph 12

(and incorporates said argument by reference as if fully copied herein) concerning the

irrelevance of reference to the recording studio which Stokes co-owns with her husband as

to either Intervening Plaintiff's claims or damages in the present suit. Alternatively, should

the Court deem this evidence relevant, its probative value is substantially outweighed by the

danger of unfair prejudice and as such, Stokes would request its exclusion. FED. R. EVID.

401, 402 and 403.

K. Stokes objects to any evidence or testimony regarding **Defendant's Exhibit**

No. 42 for the reasons discussed in Intervening Plaintiff's Motion in Limine at paragraph 12

(and incorporates said argument by reference as if fully copied herein) concerning the

irrelevance of reference to the recording studio which Stokes co-owns with her husband as

to either Intervening Plaintiff's claims or damages in the present suit. Alternatively, should

the Court deem this evidence relevant, its probative value is substantially outweighed by the

danger of unfair prejudice and as such, Stokes would request its exclusion. FED. R. EVID.

401, 402 and 403.

L. Stokes objects to any evidence or testimony regarding **Defendant's Exhibit**

No. 43 for the reasons discussed in Intervening Plaintiff's Motion in Limine at paragraph 12

(and incorporates said argument by reference as if fully copied herein) concerning the

irrelevance of reference to the recording studio which Stokes co-owns with her husband as

to either Intervening Plaintiff's claims or damages in the present suit. Alternatively, should

the Court deem this evidence relevant, its probative value is substantially outweighed by the

danger of unfair prejudice and as such, Stokes would request its exclusion. FED. R. EVID.

401, 402 and 403.

M. Stokes objects to any evidence or testimony regarding **Defendant's Exhibit**

No. 44 as to reference to the recording studio which Stokes co-owns with her husband for

the reasons discussed in Intervening Plaintiff's Motion in Limine at paragraph 12 (and

incorporates said argument by reference as if fully copied herein) concerning the irrelevance

thereof as to either Intervening Plaintiff's claims or damages in the present suit.

Alternatively, should the Court deem this evidence relevant, its probative value is substantially outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice and as such, Stokes would request

its exclusion. FED. R. EVID. 401, 402 and 403.

II. <u>DEFENDANT'S WITNESSES</u>

Stokes objects to the following witnesses identified in Defendant's Witness List:

A. <u>Lewis Johnson</u>

Mr. Johnson, the former Human Resources Manager for the Defendant, is a critical

witness and one who Plaintiffs have attempted to subpoena for deposition on several

occasions without success. Defendant represented to the EEOC that it had no information

about Mr. Johnson that would aid in finding Mr. Johnson and/or serving him with a

subpoena. Defendant did not supplement its discovery responses with any additional up-to-

date contact information for Mr. Lewis. FED. R. CIV. PRO. 37(c)(1) imposes a mandatory

sanction prohibiting the introduction of evidence or witness testimony that -- without

substantial justification -- has not been disclosed as required by Rule 26(a). If the Defendant

is suddenly able to produce Lewis Johnson at trial, doing so would constitute unfair surprise

and prejudice Stokes.

B. Undra McDowell

As discussed in Intervening Plaintiff's Motion in Limine at paragraph 11, Stokes

respectfully moves this Court to exclude from evidence all testimony of her husband, Undra

McDowell, pursuant to FED. R. EVID. 402 and 403. None of the testimony sought from Mr.

McDowell is relevant to the elements of the claims at issue here, and would only serve to

delay the proceedings, prejudice the jurors and waste time.

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C. Arva Peters

Ms. Peters is designated as a "Corporate Representative" at Child Care Associates, an employer of Ms. Stokes after she was fired by the Defendant. As discussed in Intervening Plaintiff's Motion in Limine at paragraph 3, any testimony by Ms. Peters is not relevant pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 401 and 402. Stokes objects to Ms. Peters being called as a witness at trial because she was not listed on the Defendant's Initial or Supplemental Disclosures. Although the Defendant did identify a representative from Child Care Associates in its Fourth Supplemental Disclosures dated February 22, 2013, that person was CEO John Whitcamp, cited as the person whom Ms. Stokes accused of misrepresenting documents to the federal government. In its Witness List, Defendant proffers Ms. Peters as a person who will testify "as to the reason Ms. Stokes was terminated from her position at Child Care Associates." Further, as Stokes presents no claim for back pay damages following her separation from employment with Child Care Associates, any evidence concerning the circumstances therefore would be outweighed by a danger of unfair prejudice confusing the issue and misleading the jury. Accordingly, Stokes respectfully requests exclusion of any testimony by Ms. Peters pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 403.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Stokes respectfully requests that this Court grant her Objections to Defendant's Exhibits and to Defendant's Witnesses and order that no mention be made of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

The undersigned certifies that on the 7th day of October, 2014, a conference was held with Jennifer Martin, counsel for Defendant regarding Intervening Plaintiff's Objections to Defendant's Exhibits and Witnesses in order to determine whether there are any issues herein on which the parties might reach agreement. Counsel for Defendant indicated that no agreement could be reached as to any of the issues herein. Accordingly, these objections are presented to the Court for consideration.

/s/ Laura Hallmon Laura Hallmon

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that on October 8, 2014, the foregoing was electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court for the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, using the electronic case filing system of the court. The electronic case filing system sent a "Notice of Electronic Filing" to the following attorneys of record who have consented to accept said Notice as service of this document by electronic means:

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